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RICHARD HELMS NAMED TO TOP JOB

NEWSCASTER: "Richard Helms, named to the top job in the Central Intelligence Agency today by President Johnson, has been in intelligence work since 1943, when as a Lieutenant JG in the Navy he joined the Office of Strategic Service. In 1947 he became a Deputy Director of the CIA when it became known by that name. A year ago when Admiral William F. Rayborn took over top spot in the intelligence agency from John McCone, Helms was moved into the number two position, according to President Johnson, to be groomed for the Director's job. And now Mr. Johnson says Admiral Rayborn wants to retire and go back to his home in California.

"Today Helms told a reporter, 'I know we've been criticized a lot, and I don't believe a lot of it to be at all fair. All told,' he said, 'I think we've done a fine job over the years.' Helms is known by his colleagues as a man of energy and fast action, something of a contrast with Admiral Rayborn. There's some expectation that he'll make some changes in the CIA."